

RURAL DISTRICT of OVERTON

Report of the Medical Officer of Health For the Year 1937.

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SECTION A—Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in Acres	29,749
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	4,492
Number of Inhabited Houses end of 1937	1,245
Rateable Value	£16,431
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£68
Number of New Houses erected 1937	6

The district is agricultural, the only works of any appreciable size being two brickworks. There is very little unemployment.

Vital Statistics.

LIVE BIRTHS.				Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	..	..	..	69	43	26
Illegitimate	..	..	..	5	3	2
Total				74	46	28

Representing a birth-rate of 16.48 per 1,000 population.

STILLBIRTHS—2. Representing 27 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS — 54. Representing 12.02 per 1,000 population.

Deaths under 1 year of age:—1 Purpura Haemorrhagica

1 Congenital Heart disease

SECTION B—General Provision of Health Services.

No change has been made in the arrangements for ambulance facilities, isolation and treatment of infectious diseases, laboratory facilities and nursing in the home.

There is a tendency among many Councils to provide active immunisation against diphtheria, and in my opinion the Overton Rural District Council could follow this policy with advantage.

SECTION C—Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

WATER.—The water supply remains unchanged.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.—No change.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.—No action necessary.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA :—

Number and nature of Inspections made during the year—

Under Housing Acts	95
Bakehouses	10
Slaughter Houses	40
Factories and Workshops	24
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	120
Number of Informal Notices served	4
Defects remedied	4

SHOPS.—Inspections have been made under the Shops Act, 1934, but no action necessary.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.—No action necessary.

CANAL BOATS.—Owing to the disuse of the Shropshire Union Canal, no boats have been inspected.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.—None in existence.

SCHOOLS —The Sanitary conditions at most of the Schools have been improved.

SECTION D.—Housing.

I. 1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects	75
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	86
2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included in sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	15
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	20
3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	8

Remedy of defects without service of formal notice :

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action .. 10

III. Action under statutory powers during the year :

B—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 1
2. Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—
 - (a) By owners 1
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil

SECTION E.—Inspection and Supervision of Food.

MILK SUPPLY.—The reconstruction of cowsheds and dairies and the erection of new structures continue to make good progress, but in a number of cases efficiency is retarded by the absence of an adequate, wholesome water supply.

MEAT.—Slaughter-houses, butchers' shops and meat are inspected as often as possible. A large amount of meat is sold within the area by butchers from adjoining districts.

OTHER FOODS.—Bakehouses and other premises where foods are manufactured, prepared, stored, or exposed or intended for sale, are kept under observation.

ADULTERATION, ETC.—The County Council are the authority under The Sale of Food and Drugs Act, and take samples for analysis.

SECTION F.—

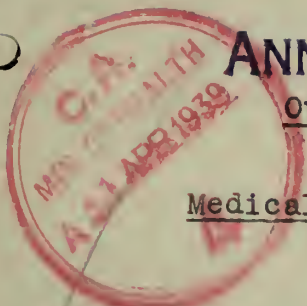
There were 14 cases of infectious diseases notified as follows :—

Scarlet Fever	..	..	4
Tuberculosis	..	..	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	1
Pneumonia ..	..	..	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	..	..	1
Paratyphoid B	..	..	1

No action has been required under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

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Section D - Housing

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV, Overcrowding.

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 22
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein 22
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 143
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year Nil
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year 6
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 13
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after L.A. have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the M.O.H. may consider it desirable to report.

Section E - Inspection and supervision of food. Carcases inspected and condemned.

	Cattle excl.cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	-	Not known			
Number inspected	160	60	20	90	140
All diseases, expt.T.B. Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6	-	-	10	1
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	3.75%	-	-	11.1%	.7%
T.B.only whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which pt. or organ cond/d.	-	-	-	-	3
Percentage of number inspected affected with T.B.	.6%				2.1%

Tuberculosis.

There was one death from Tuberculosis notified. There were no deaths from Tuberculosis which were not notified.

